

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Straps 7 can be provided with the device and are useful in a variety of ways. As shown in Fig. 2, straps 7 may be affixed to the supports nearest the hand held portion of the arm rests such that when the device is pivoted to enclose a person inside the device the straps can be secured together, much like the ends of a belt, to restrict opening movement of the device about pivot 8. The closure straps can have a simple buckle or ~~velcro~~ hook and loop type fastener (not shown). Other uses for the straps 7 are also anticipated. Specifically, straps of different lengths may be provided with the device to secure a portion of the device to a portion of the persons anatomy. This would be advantageous to enhance comfort particularly where it is desirable to avoid contact between the device and a part of the body which was cut during surgery and may have stitches, staples, etc. Straps 7 could also be used to secure the device to a seat.